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IN THE CLAIMS

Amendments To The Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously presented) An air bag system comprising:

a retainer,

a folded air bag supported on the retainer,

an inflator supported on the retainer, the air bag being inflated to be deployed into a passenger compartment of a vehicle by a gas produced by the inflator during a collision, and

a restricting member including a fixing portion and a plurality of restricting fabrics extending along an outer surface of the air bag, said fixing portion being fixed to the air bag, [and] said plurality of restricting fabrics having brittle portions and end portions.

~~a brittle portion on each end portion, wherein~~
wherein the end portions of the restricting member are coupled to the retainer, so that in an earlier stage of deployment of the air bag, an axial inflation of the air bag is restricted by the restricting member, and in a later stage of deployment of the air bag, the brittle portions are broken by a tension so as to allow the air bag to inflate to its maximum capacity, and

the restricting member closes a vent hole formed in the air bag until the brittle portions on the restricting member are broken, and the vent hole is opened when the brittle portions are broken.

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2. (Cancelled)
3. (Cancelled)
4. (Original) The air bag system as set forth in the claim 1, wherein the brittle portion is provided at any position on the restricting fabric.
5. (Cancelled)
6. (Cancelled)
7. (Previously presented) The air bag system as set forth in the claim 1, wherein the restricting member is made of fabric.
8. (Cancelled)
9. (Previously presented) An air bag system comprising:
 - a retainer,
 - a folded air bag supported on the retainer,
 - an inflator supported on the retainer, the air bag being inflated to be deployed into a passenger compartment of a vehicle by a gas produced by the inflator during a collision, and
 - a restricting member including a restricting fabric disposed along an outer surface of the air bag, the restricting member including four restricting fabrics which extend radially at intervals of 90° and
 - a brittle portion on the restricting member, wherein
 - an end portion of the restricting member is coupled to the retainer, so that in an earlier stage of deployment of the air bag, an axial inflation of the air bag is restricted by the restricting member, and in a later stage of deployment of the air bag, the brittle

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portion is broken by a tension so as to allow the air bag to inflate to its maximum capacity, and

the restricting member closes a vent hole formed in the air bag until the brittle portion on the restricting member is broken, and the vent hole is opened when the brittle portion is broken.

10. (Previously presented) The air bag system as set forth in the claim 9, wherein

the brittle portion is provided at any position on the restricting fabric.

11. (Previously presented) An air bag system comprising:

a retainer,

a folded air bag supported on the retainer,

an inflator supported on the retainer, the air bag being inflated to be deployed into a passenger compartment of a vehicle by a gas produced by the inflator during a collision, and

a restricting member including a restricting fabric disposed along an outer surface of the air bag, the restricting member including three restricting fabrics which extend radially at intervals of 120°, and

a brittle portion on the restricting member, wherein

an end portion of the restricting member is coupled to the retainer, so that in an earlier stage of deployment of the air bag, an axial inflation of the air bag is restricted by the restricting member, and in a later stage of deployment of the air bag, the brittle portion is broken by a tension so as to allow the air bag to inflate to its maximum capacity, and

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the restricting member closes a vent hole formed in the air bag until the brittle portion on the restricting member is broken, and the vent hole is opened when the brittle portion is broken.

12. (Previously presented) The air bag system as set forth in the claim 11, wherein
the brittle portion is provided at any position on the restricting fabric.